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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Charles L. Turnbough  
Serial No.: 09/229,751  
Filed January 14, 1999  
For: PEPTIDE LIGANDS THAT BIND TO SURFACES OF BACTERIAL SPORES

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed March 2, 2000. Attached hereto is a Request for Extension of Time to extend the time for response from June 2 to August 2.

First of all, it is noted that the spelling of the name of the inventor is incorrect. Please replace the spelling "Turnbiugh" with --Turnbough--.

Please amend the specification in the following manner:

 At page 3, line 36, please replace "devise" with --device--.

At page 4, line 3, after "used" insert --as--.

At page 5, line 29, replace "Tween" with --TWEEN™--.

At page 9, line 24, after "peptide" insert --is used--.

At page 11, line 20, delete "and".

At page 12, line 31, replace "cones" with --clones--.